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RUTLAND RAILROAD.

Corrected to October 11, 1903. Trains leave Bennington daily, except Sunday, unless otherwise noted.

GOING SOUTH.
1:40 a. m. Express daily for Troy, Albany and New York.
7:35 a. m. Passenger for Troy, Albany and New York.
12:20 p. m. Mail for Troy, Albany, New York and West.
3:10 p. m. Flyer for Troy, Albany and New York.
5:05 p. m. Express for Troy and Albany.
7:10 p. m. Passenger for Troy and Albany.

GOING NORTH.
12:15 a. m. Express daily for Rutland, Burlington, Montpelier, Ogdensburg and West. Pullman sleeping cars to Montreal and Ogdensburg.
7:55 a. m. Passenger daily for Rutland and Burlington.
2:30 p. m. Flyer for Rutland, Burlington, Montpelier and Ogdensburg. Pullman parlor car to Montreal.
6:15 p. m. Local Passenger for Rutland, Burlington and intermediate stations.

Trains from Rutland arrive at Bennington 2:00 a. m., 12:40, 3:40 and 8:10 p. m. Trains from Troy arrive at 12:45, 8:25 and 9:30 a. m., 3:00, 4:35 and 6:45 p. m.

CHATHAM DIVISION.
8:10 a. m. Passenger for Chatham and New York.
6:50 p. m. Passenger for Chatham.
Trains arrive from Chatham at 11:35 a. m. and 6:45 p. m.

BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD.

Corrected to Oct. 12, 1903. Trains leave Bennington daily, except Sunday, unless otherwise noted.

TRAINS LEAVING.

TO TROY	a. m.	p. m.	TO BURLINGTON	a. m.	p. m.
1:30	7:45	12:30	1:30	7:45	12:30
3:10	9:30	1:45	3:10	9:30	1:45
5:05	11:15	3:30	5:05	11:15	3:30
7:10	1:30	5:45	7:10	1:30	5:45

TRAINS ARRIVING.

FROM TROY	a. m.	p. m.	FROM BURLINGTON	a. m.	p. m.
1:30	7:45	12:30	1:30	7:45	12:30
3:10	9:30	1:45	3:10	9:30	1:45
5:05	11:15	3:30	5:05	11:15	3:30
7:10	1:30	5:45	7:10	1:30	5:45

Additional trains leave Troy 2:00, due at Bennington 3:45 and leave Bennington at 4:15.

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WILL ASK NO HELP

Baltimore Officials and Governor Face Situation without Outside Assistance.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—With nearly a square mile of ruins still hot and smoking Baltimore has begun its resurrection.

With the dawn of a clear winter day whose brightness was in itself an inspiration apathy gave way to the energy of aroused effort, and from the governor of the state to the least private citizen the people of this distressed city pulled themselves together to meet the appalling conditions that confront them.

It was a day of conferences. The governor, the mayor and various municipal officials met and thrashed out the problems that are theirs by virtue of public office. From this conference came a decision that Baltimore for the



MAYOR McLEAN.

present needs no outside help, but will endeavor with her own resources and those of the state to meet the emergency. At this conference also was developed the machinery for an advisory legislative commission to act in conjunction with the legislature.

The military officials also had unusual problems to decide and solved them in a military manner, for every pass that has been issued giving entrance to the fire lines was revoked. No civilian may pass the cordon of citizen soldiery which after forty-eight hours of continuous duty stretches around the fire swept desert where the safes and vaults containing untold treasure. These were the chief events of a governmental character.

With equal promptness the chamber of commerce held a general meeting and issued a formal announcement that reflected the prevailing hopefulness, declaring "there are already such evidences of recuperation that encourage all in the hope of the early restoration of every branch of trade."

The Stock Exchange members, keyed to the same pitch of energy, met and decided to rebuild as soon as possible. The same story can be told of practically every commercial body, while on every hand is evidence of private effort toward rehabilitation.

Old buildings long unused, private residences near the business section—in fact, every available structure—bore crudely lettered signs on board or cloth announcing that within is the temporary office of a firm. The names on some of these signs are those that rank high in the financial and commercial circles of the world, and in these temporary offices men who for years have known only mahogany desks work on deal tables and plain boards.

Labor is in demand, and the newspapers already contain display advertisements for men to begin the work of clearing the ruins.

All things considered, the public stock taking that engrossed the business world of Baltimore was satisfactory. But this does not mean that the great fire was a lesser calamity than has been pictured in these dispatches. The words that have hurried over telegraph wires, restored by almost superhuman energy to meet a waiting world's demand for news, have given but an inadequate conception of this catastrophe of a century.

The bold fact is that 140 acres of business buildings, representing property to the approximate value of \$125,000,000, was destroyed within the journey of a clock's hand. History is marked by few calamities so vast and so costly in actual values, but with the passing of the first great shock and prostration the brighter side is coming up, and a realization of what Baltimore escaped is dawning.

A great cloud was lifted when it was discovered that practically all of the vaults and strong rooms and safes of the financial concerns whose buildings were destroyed are unhurt. A tremendous loss in securities had been anticipated here, and when vault after vault yielded up its treasures unharmed the joy of the guardians was boundless.

From one trust company's safes alone papers to the amount of more than \$200,000,000 were recovered. The news cheered the whole city and encouraged immediate and thorough investigation. Merchants and their assistants, smoke soiled and begrimed and hollowed over with anxiety and loss of sleep, worked like laborers in the smoking ruins to uncover their safes, and in nearly every instance they were rewarded by intact contents. Another surprise was the discovery that three financial concerns whose homes were

directly in the fierce sweep of the flames were practically unharmed. These were the Continental Trust company, Brown Bros.' bank and the Mercantile Trust company. No one ventures to offer an explanation of the remarkable escape of these buildings in the center of a heat so intense that metal trimmings of the skylights melted and dripped through on to the desks. In the Mechanics' bank the time locks on the vaults were still running.

As yet no figures on loss and insurance can be regarded as official are obtainable. A careful canvass of insurance experts, builders and business men placed the loss in round figures at \$125,000,000 and the insurance at from \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000. It is probable that these estimates will stand with slight change when the final figures are written. Much valuable property that lay in Monday's fire path was saved by the prompt efforts of merchants, and in that section the stock losses will be lighter than elsewhere.

In declining aid proffered the city officials have taken pains to define their position. The blow that has befallen Baltimore has aroused an intense civic pride in an effort to fight out its salvation; but, as Mayor McLean expressed it, the city will not hesitate three minutes to ask assistance if it becomes necessary.

A careful investigation as to the origin of the great fire, which started in the Hurst building, has been made. It was at first reported that the blaze started from the explosion of a gasoline engine in the cellar, but this is now given an emphatic denial.

Henry S. Hurst of the firm of John E. Hurst & Co. said that there was no gasoline in the building and that the fire did not have its origin in an explosion of this liquid in the Hurst building. This statement was subsequently corroborated by a signed statement issued by S. W. T. Hopper & Sons, insurance agents and brokers, who said that after careful inspections by deputies of their firm and of the Fire Underwriters' association they were satisfied that there was no gasoline in the building.

Mr. Hurst said that he and Charles George, a trusted employee, were the last persons to leave the building at 5:30 p. m. Saturday and that all the electric lights were turned off by a switch. It is not denied that the fire originated in the Hurst building, but how it started is yet to be learned.

One of the most remarkable freaks of the fire was the escape of the big government buildings. The flames wrought destruction on all sides of this group of structures except on the north. These buildings are the city hall, the United States courthouse, used as the temporary headquarters of the treasury pending the erection of the new building and by the customs office, the postoffice buildings, which also contained the United States marshal's office, and the office of the collector of internal revenue. All to the south of this entire group is complete destruction, but these buildings escaped without a scratch.

The military grip on the ruins has been tightened to the limit, and for the present it is impossible for anyone to pass the line of soldiers around the burned territory unless on a pass personally issued by Brigadier General Riggs for official business. This was decided upon at a conference held at which were present the governor, General Riggs and Mayor McLean. It was found that so many persons had secured possession of passes or otherwise gained admission that it was thought advisable to prohibit everybody. In the safes and vaults buried under the ruins are hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of securities, negotiable paper and cash, which the authorities feel they cannot leave exposed to even those who were granted passes. The burned area, it will be remembered, includes the whole financial district of the city, the entire wholesale territory and many office buildings.

All the military and police passes heretofore issued were revoked, and soon after that troops were sent into the desolated territory to clear it of every one found. So rigidly was the "no pass" order enforced that a physician who has two patients just within the roped off section on the eastern side of the area was refused a pass, but was accompanied by an officer to the homes of the sick persons.

A revival of the fire last night in the lumber yard of William D. Gill & Son, at the extreme southeastern limit of the burned territory, caused a new alarm to be sent in. Four companies and a fire boat, the Cataract, responded, and late at night the blaze was under control.

Snowslide Buried Cattle.
JACKSON'S HOLE, Wyo., Feb. 10.—A snowslide has occurred on this side of the mountain pass, burying many sheep and cattle on the ranch of Gus Koerner. It is believed Koerner perished, but his body cannot be recovered until spring, as the ranch is under a heavy weight of snow and rock. The slide was over half a mile long.

Evans' Squadron to Go to Hongkong.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The American squadron will proceed from Subic Bay to Hongkong and will not go farther north for the present. In case no exception is taken by either of the combatant powers the feeling in naval circles is that the squadron should go on to Chifu, so that the officers may be in a position to observe the naval operations.

Bowling Tourney at Cleveland.
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 10.—The highest score of the day for the teams in the bowling tourney was made by Jones and Stolke of Milwaukee, who rolled 1,172, the next highest being Elwert and Funcke of Belleville, Ill., with 1,170.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

[Rev. Edw. Conover has moved to 106 Valentine at from Union street.

Letter carrier, F. P. Nolan was off duty Tuesday on account of illness.

Rev. Philip Schuyler was in Poultney and baptised the infant son of the Rev. Malcolm Smith, rector of the Episcopal church on Tuesday.

The B. & H. V. Railway had a hard time of it Monday. They were unable to run through cars to Hoosick Falls on account of the ice, which completely covered the tracks in several places. In addition to this the Main feed cable broke in front of the Hawks building about 10 o'clock last evening and stopped the local service for nearly an hour.

The F. M. T. A. society gave a reception in Academy hall Tuesday evening. There will be another Friday evening.

BBB will meet the North Adams YMCA five in Library Hall Friday evening. This is the same team that defeated BBB 9-12 a year ago.

F. N. Squire who has been quite ill is better.

E. D. Moore left Tuesday morning for a week's fishing on Lake Bemoseen at Castleton.

A reception and dance for Foresters and their families was held in Foresters Hall last evening.

A Leap Year Ball will be given by the married people in Foresters Hall Thursday evening.

There will be a social dance in Foresters Hall Friday evening.

A dance will be given over Willoughby's market Friday evening.

Harrison I. Norton has been confined to the house most of the week by illness.

Wells Smith is off duty for a few days on account of chopping off a portion of one finger while using a meat cleaver in Pike's meat market Monday.

Invitations have been received for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Phalen formerly of Bennington. This will be held at Utica Monday evening Feb. 15.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post office for the week ending Feb. 8 1904: Lewis Christy, John Feeley, Potito Giuseppe, Will Hagen, Martin C. Nichols, George Wright, Mrs. Alice Bowen, Mrs. Eugene Baker, Mrs. Bert Cole, Miss Jessie M. Ellis, Mrs. Mary Hewitt, Miss Lolla Morrison care of Miss Bessie Cunningham, Mrs. Mead Newton care of Geo. Patten, Mrs. J. M. Russell, Mrs. Robert Todd.

One of the leading dealers in eggs in the village said to a Banner reporter this morning, that in his opinion the scarcity of eggs that has existed the past several weeks is to be attributed to the continued cold weather. Eggs have not been so scarce in a number of years. The prevailing prices average from 40 cents to 45 cents a dozen. The merchant stated that even at these figures it is impossible to keep a supply on hand, as very few people have eggs to sell.

POWNA

The Methodist society tea under the charge of Mrs. D. P. Thompson, Mrs. Arthur Ladd and Mrs. Elijah Barber was very successful, some \$17.00 being added to the treasury thereby and a bountiful supper served.

An organ has been purchased for the upper school, taught by Miss Norwood.

Albert Moon and Frank Wright have returned to work after their recent illness.

Walter Haley has been in town this week stopping at Geo. Haley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley of Sand Lake, N. Y., have been visiting at the M. E. Parsonage.

Instead of the usual Baptist Industrial Society supper, an evening gathering will be held this week Friday evening. Committee in charge Miss Carrie Parker, Miss Elizabeth Hermon and Mrs. Arthur Parker. Music, both vocal and instrumental will be furnished by members of the Sunday school and cake, coffee and ice cream will be served.

Mrs. Eunice Eldred of New Lisbon, N. Y., is making an extended visit at her sister's Mrs. Polly Burgess. She was formerly a teacher here.

Geo. Bradley employed at A. A. Mason's is ill with scarlet fever.

Warren J. Barber of Haverill, Mass., is employed with his father on Dr. L. C. Niles' house.

Edward Bates of North Adams, Mass., has spent several days in town visiting at A. B. Gardner's and D. T. Bates.

Union meetings under the auspices of the Vermont Anti-Slavery League will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday morning, and in the evening at the Methodist church. The speaker will be Rev. J. H. Robbins, Superintendent of the New Hampshire Anti-Slavery League and formerly pastor of the Baptist church of Concord, N. H. It is expected the evening address will be illustrated by lantern slides.

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2.00 Shoes with 1-6 off, will cost you now 1.67
1.75 Shoes with 1-6 off, will cost you now 1.53
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